Burke Carolyn Jeanne Form 4 January 04, 2007

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Burke Carolyn Jeanne Issuer Symbol NRG ENERGY, INC. [NRG] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title __Other (specify 211 CARNEGIE CENTER 01/03/2007 below) VP, Controller (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting PRINCETON, NJ 08540 Person (Ctota)

(City)	(State) (2	Table Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative Securities Ac	equired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount (D) Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock, par value .01 per share	01/03/2007		A	400 (1) A (2)	3,500	D	

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Options	\$ 55.83	01/03/2007		A	3,600	01/03/2008(3)	01/03/2013(4)	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share
Performance Units	<u>(5)</u>	01/03/2007		A	1,800	01/03/2010(5)	01/03/2010	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 6	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Burke Carolyn Jeanne 211 CARNEGIE CENTER			VP, Controller			
PRINCETON, NJ 08540			Controller			

Signatures

Carolyn J.

Burke

**Signature of Reporting Person

O1/04/2007

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents Restricted Stock Units issued to Ms. Burke by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG Energy, Inc.'s Long Term Incentive Plan.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit is equivalent in value to one share of NRG Energy, Inc.'s Common Stock, par value \$0.01. Ms. Burke will receive from NRG Energy, Inc. one such share of Common Stock for each Restricted Stock Unit on January 3, 2010.

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Pursuant to the Grant Agreement by and between NRG Energy, Inc. and Ms. Burke, Stock Options will vest and become exercisable as follows: 33 1/3% on January 3, 2008, 33 1/3% on January 3, 2009 and 33 1/3% on January 3, 2010.

- (4) Stock Options expire six years from the date of grant.
 - Ms. Burke was issued 900 Performance Units by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG Energy, Inc.'s Long Term Incentive Plan on January 3, 2007. Each Performance Unit will be paid out on January 3, 2010 if the average closing price of NRG Energy, Inc.'s Common Stock for the ten trading days prior to January 3, 2010 (the "Measurement Price") is equal to or greater than \$78.44 (the "Target Price"). The payout
- (5) for each Performance Unit will be equal to: (i) one share of Common Stock, if the Measurement Price equals the Target Price; (ii) a prorated amount in between one and two shares of Common Stock, if the Measurement Price is greater than the Target Price but less than \$91.73 (the "Maximum Price"); and (iii) two shares of Common Stock, if the Measurement Price is equal to or greater than the Maximum Price

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